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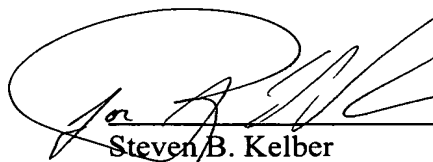
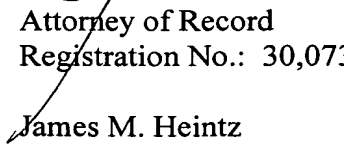
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REFERENCES

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- Attached is a list of Applicant's(s') pending applications and issued patents which may be related to the present application. Copies of the documents, where required, are attached along with Form PTO-1449.

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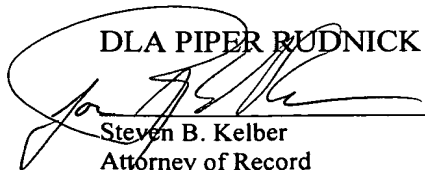
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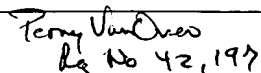
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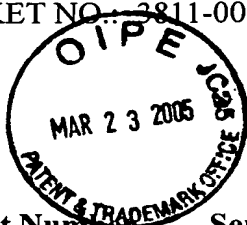
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LIST OF RELATED CASES

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3811-006-27	10/431,456	May 8, 2003	Pending
3811-007-27	10/656,256	September 8, 2003	Pending
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Addition to the above, a patent application, filing date and serial number unknown, that claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/407,981 (filed September 5, 2002), entitled (Creep and Vicious Flow Resistant Fiber Optic Sensor" and naming Gary Pickeral as an inventor; believed to have been filed August 20, 2003 and September 5, 2003.

The cases listed on this Notice of Related Cases include cases which may contain information that is material to patentability. The listing of a case on this Notice should not be taken as an indication or admission that any information contained therein is material. Prior art for each case listed on this Notice may have been cited. **The files corresponding to the listed cases, which are available to the Examiner, may not have not been examined to ascertain the materiality of any prior art therein.** Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to review the file for each case listed on this Notice in order to assess the materiality of such prior art.

*Present application; listed for information.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER R INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,539,136	3/25/03	Dianov, et al.		
	AB	6,069,686	5/30/00	Wang, et al.		
	AC	4,873,989	10/17/89	Einzig		
	AD	5,301,001	04/05/94	Murphy, et al.		
	AE	2003/0209655	11/13/03	Wang		
	AF	5,337,377	08/09/94	Yamada, et al.		
	AG	6,317,555	11/13/01	Maron, et al.		
	AH	4,711,246	12/08/87	Alderson		
	AI	6,120,193	09/19/00	Luther, et al.		
	AJ	4,711,521	12/08/87	Thillays		
	AK	4,884,450	12/05/89	Greenwood, et al.		
	AL	6,671,055	12/30/03	Wavering, et al.		
	AM	6,539,135	03/25/03	CANNING, et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AN	WO 99/60341	11/25/99	WIPO		
	AO	WO 90/08962	08/09/90	WIPO		
	AP	JP 7260617	10/13/95	JAPAN		**
	AQ	JP 2002349336	12/04/02	JAPAN		**

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AR	Yu, et al., "Fiber Fabry-Perot Sensors for Detection of Partial Discharges In Power Transformers", Applied Optics, Vol. 42, No. 16, June 2003.
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